

SENATOR HALL: ...a term of art and it's a term that's used oftentimes in many insurance policies actually. The...they'll pay no more than the usual and customary charges for a specific type of service that's provided. I guess where I'm...I want to know exactly where the...and I...I know it's your amendment, but where does the...where do the hospitals come down on this issue and who supports this measure? Because when we tried to attempt to amend it on General File there was much consternation about that. Now it seems that everyone's in agreement on Select File and I know your intentions are pure. I guess mine necessarily aren't and... which is no change from the norm for me, but I'm curious as to why all of a sudden we're agreeable to this change if for some reason it doesn't potentially allow for additional dollars to be in there, even though your argument is that that...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ..is not the case, that the intent is to have the exact opposite be true. With that, I'll ask more questions when my light comes on. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hall. Before continuing with the next speaker, I'd like to have the Legislature focus its attention on the north balcony where Senator Robak has, as her guests, 78 fourth graders from Highland and West Park Elementary Schools in Columbus and their sponsors. Would you all please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being here. Senator Matzke on your amendment.

SENATOR MATZKE: I'll take my time to try and respond to Senator Hall's questions. His time ran out on him when he was asking the question. I think the key problem here is the word "reasonable". Reasonable to whom? I recently had to pay a bill for an MRI for a family member. The bill was 1,300 dollars. The hospital thought it was reasonable. Frankly, I didn't think it was reasonable. Reasonable to whom? Reasonable depends on whether you're buying or you're selling. It is not a good standard for determining prices and charges. Usual and customary, as I say, is the term that has been found to be workable by Medicare and other agencies that involve billions of dollars in medical expense. Now Senator Hall, if I can get your attention, I'll answer your specific question. You wanted to know where I've been for the last month and a half on this. I opposed the bill in committee primarily because I didn't like